


THOMSON SAFARIS®



OVER 40 YEARS OF
WILDLIFE SAFARIS

A DIVISION OF WINELAND-THOMSON ADVENTURES, LLC





Tanzania

EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCES ARE
LIFE'S GREATEST LUXURY.

A LETTER FROM THE BUSH

The wildlife, the nature and the people of Tanzania will change your life. They really changed ours.

Since 1981, Tanzania has made us feel as warmly welcomed and deeply connected as family. That's why we have always been committed to supporting the hopes, dreams and goals of our gracious hosts – the people of Tanzania – and giving back as much to this country as it has given us.

When we founded Thomson Safaris, we knew we had to go straight to the people who knew the country best – born and raised Tanzanians. By building a company on the ground, hiring locals and working alongside them, we've been able to channel our passion for Tanzania into strong community partnerships and unforgettable guest experiences.

Fundamentally, we believe that travel should be a force for good, and that simple idea has informed everything we do. From innovative, sustainable camps and our partnership with African Wildlife Foundation, to working with Focus on Tanzanian Communities to advance healthcare and education, we have a responsibility to operate conscientiously.

When you choose Thomson, you benefit from the tenured guidance of one of Tanzania's most experienced operations. We are obsessively dedicated to providing travel experiences of quality and integrity with the highest standards of service. We devote ourselves entirely to our safari and Kilimanjaro ground operations and Gibb's Farm, which Travel + Leisure has named one of the Best Safari Lodges in Africa seven times.

We have earned commendations from travel publications, awards from conservation organizations and partnerships with world-renowned ethical foundations. Still, our greatest praise comes from guests, who call their trips life-changing. We couldn't agree more.

Come observe giraffe at the watering hole. Listen to a traditional Maasai folktale. Break bread with your guides. Tanzania will surprise your senses, fulfill your dreams and captivate your heart. We know you'll love the wildlife, the nature and the people as much as we do.

Judi Wineland & Rick Thomson, Co-Founders, Thomson Safaris



Thomson Safaris founders Rick Thomson and Judi Wineland prepare to set off from the Serengeti airstrip. Frequent visits to Tanzania help them ensure that operations are always running smoothly and are up to Thomson's high standards.





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THOMSON DIFFERENCE

When we started sending travelers to Tanzania in 1981, we were one of only a few tour operators in the entire country. While others flew guides in from other countries, we were the only ones who believed that hiring and training local guides was the right thing to do.

WE'VE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT TOURISM CAN AND SHOULD BE A FORCE FOR GOOD, BOTH FOR A COUNTRY AND FOR ITS PEOPLE.

We asked ourselves: who could be a better ambassador to the country than a born-and-raised Tanzanian? At the time, even asking that—let alone making it a core part of our philosophy—was revolutionary. Still, we did it. That's just one of the earliest ways we set ourselves apart. In over four decades since, we've continued to be pioneers in sustainable tourism.





PETER RUBIN

Thomson's expert guides lead the way to unforgettable wildlife encounters.



Spot wildlife on guided walking safaris

GREGORY ROSS



Sleep in style in Thomson's exclusive camps

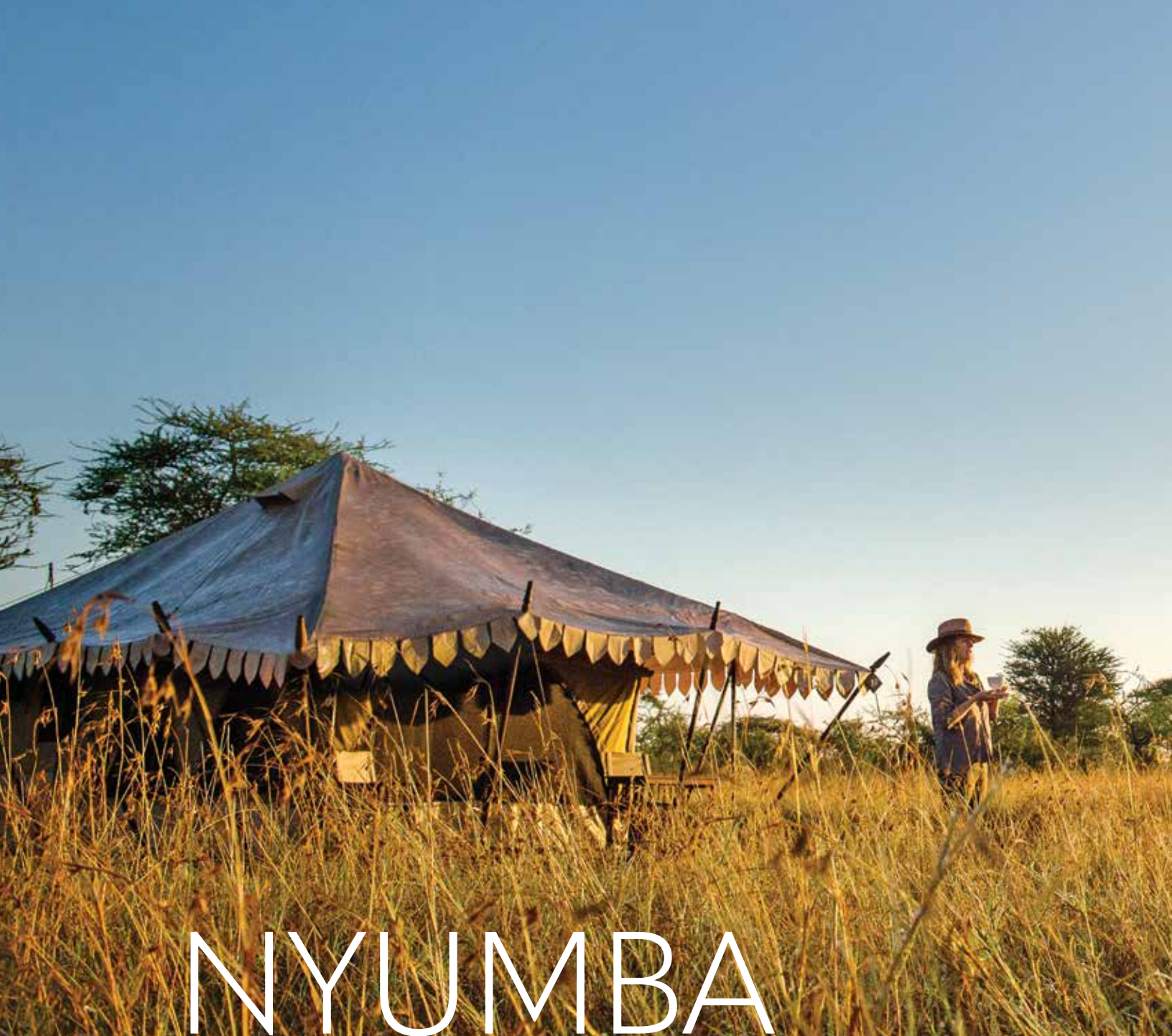


Experience Maasai culture and traditions during a community visit

ANGELA WOODS

the THOMSON DIFFERENCE

- Travel + Leisure has named us a World's Best Safari Outfitter seven times—more than nearly any other company
- Exclusive access to Thomson's custom-built camps deep in the wilderness—offering a luxuriously intimate experience
- Access to a 10,000-acre nature refuge in the Serengeti ecosystem, home to thriving wildlife populations
- Award-winning service from Thomson's friendly camp staff
- Walking safaris—one of Tanzania's most restricted activities—are available to Thomson guests
- Night wildlife drives in search of nocturnal wildlife, like bat-eared foxes and aardvarks
- Visits to a real Maasai community, where you can learn about their culture through song, story and craftsmanship
- Our partner philanthropic organization, Focus on Tanzanian Communities (FOTZC), works directly with community leaders to help achieve goals they set for themselves
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NYUMBA

YOU CAME TO SEE THE WILDLIFE, and from the comfort of your private Thomson Nyumba, it's right outside your door. Wake up to a chorus of birdsong each morning. Sip a fresh cup of coffee on your veranda as giraffes browse in the distance and wildebeest ruminates on the plains. Or just lose yourself in the view: a peaceful panorama with some of the most stunning sunsets you can imagine.

These camps are the definition of harmony – and they're exclusively available to Thomson guests. It starts with a gracious welcome, continues with low-impact, eco-sensitive luxury and culminates in the breathtaking beauty of nature in all directions.

Awe-inspiring days of wildlife viewing turn into peaceful nights of stargazing with a glass of wine in hand. This is the way a safari should be.

THE NYUMBA IS YOUR "HOME" ON SAFARI



- Camps are used for the best seasonal locations
 - Camps are exclusively available to Thomson guests for a more intimate experience
 - Comfortable beds with luxurious linens, handcrafted furniture and local art grace every room
 - En suite bathrooms include eco-friendly toilets and water-conserving sinks
 - Gravity-fed, hot showers are available at any time of day
 - Solar-powered LED lighting provides an ambient glow
 - Spacious, inviting lounge tents offer a place to socialize or relax
 - Solar-powered charging stations are available for your devices
- A cash bar is stocked with wine, beer, soda and spirits



ROUGHING IT NEVER FELT THIS GOOD. We've created the perfect balance of rustic luxury that never feels out of step with the surroundings and always feels authentic. Hot showers, fresh linens, private verandas and friendly service will make you feel comfortable. The peaceful, welcoming atmosphere of Tanzania will make you feel at home.

“We were pleasantly surprised at how very glamorous camping could be. We enjoyed the local Maasai décor, the comfortable beds, and nicely-appointed bathrooms. The patio area was perfect for gazing out over the beauty of the landscape. The accommodations were truly exceptional.

—James and Linda Murray



GUIDES

WE WERE THE FIRST SAFARI COMPANY IN TANZANIA to insist on employing Tanzanian guides. With a minimum of one decade in the field and a lifetime of experience in Tanzania, there's simply no one better to show you the Serengeti than your Thomson guide.

Your guides are with you from your arrival in Tanzania to your departure, available around-the-clock and always within earshot. And what superheroes they are: effortlessly spotting legendary African wildlife others would miss, masterfully orchestrating logistics and deepening your safari with fascinating facts about the flora, fauna and culture.

THE BEST GUIDES IN TANZANIA

- Head guides have 10 - 35+ years of guiding experience with Thomson
- Guides are both wildlife experts and cultural liaisons, fluent in English and Swahili
- Guides understand North American guests, from cultural references, to politics, to food
- Generous pay, benefits, and professional development means Thomson draws and keeps the best of the best
- All guides are enthusiastic ambassadors for Tanzania ready to share their insights with you



DAVID MCLAY

IT DOESN'T STOP AT WILDLIFE. The guides are passionate representatives of the country. They'll share childhood memories, details about the land's history and stories about balancing careers in the wilds with modern life.

In Tanzania, the trip would be amazing no matter what, but an exceptional guide brings the experience to life. They add character, depth and personality so you can appreciate Tanzania for so much more than just its animals. It's little wonder that so many guests bond with their guide and even get choked up upon departure!

“*My guide Nasibu was perfect! I completely trusted him at every moment—he had this sixth sense for our needs and always went the extra mile. He was kind, patient, exciting and enthusiastic, especially when it came to searching for hidden wildlife. Simply exceptional!*

— Betsy Huntley



GO WHEREVER WILDLIFE WANDERS. You'll spend some of the best hours of your adventure aboard the rugged safari vehicles that are customized to cross every kind of rough terrain. The wilderness is filled with unpaved paths and bumpy trails, so we send you off in the most dependable vehicles in the parks.

In the wildest weather, on the roughest road or around the most challenging terrain, your wildlife viewing won't be compromised, and you'll never hear your guide say, "We can't get there from here."



TOUGH, RELIABLE AND BUILT FOR SAFARIS

At Thomson, we start with the most reliable, comfortable, rugged vehicles and customize them to make the experience even better for guests.

- Extended cabs create extra legroom and modified seating provides better sightlines
- Pop-up roofs allow for 360° views while minimizing sun exposure and heat
- Every guest is guaranteed a window seat every day
- There are no mileage restrictions; you can go wherever the wildlife is, every day
- U.S.-style outlets in the vehicles allow you to charge your devices
- Unlimited snacks and water will keep you fueled up between meals

MICK SHARPLES | WWW.MICKSHARPLES.COM

WHY EXCEPTIONAL SAFARI VEHICLES MATTER

WITH RICK THOMSON

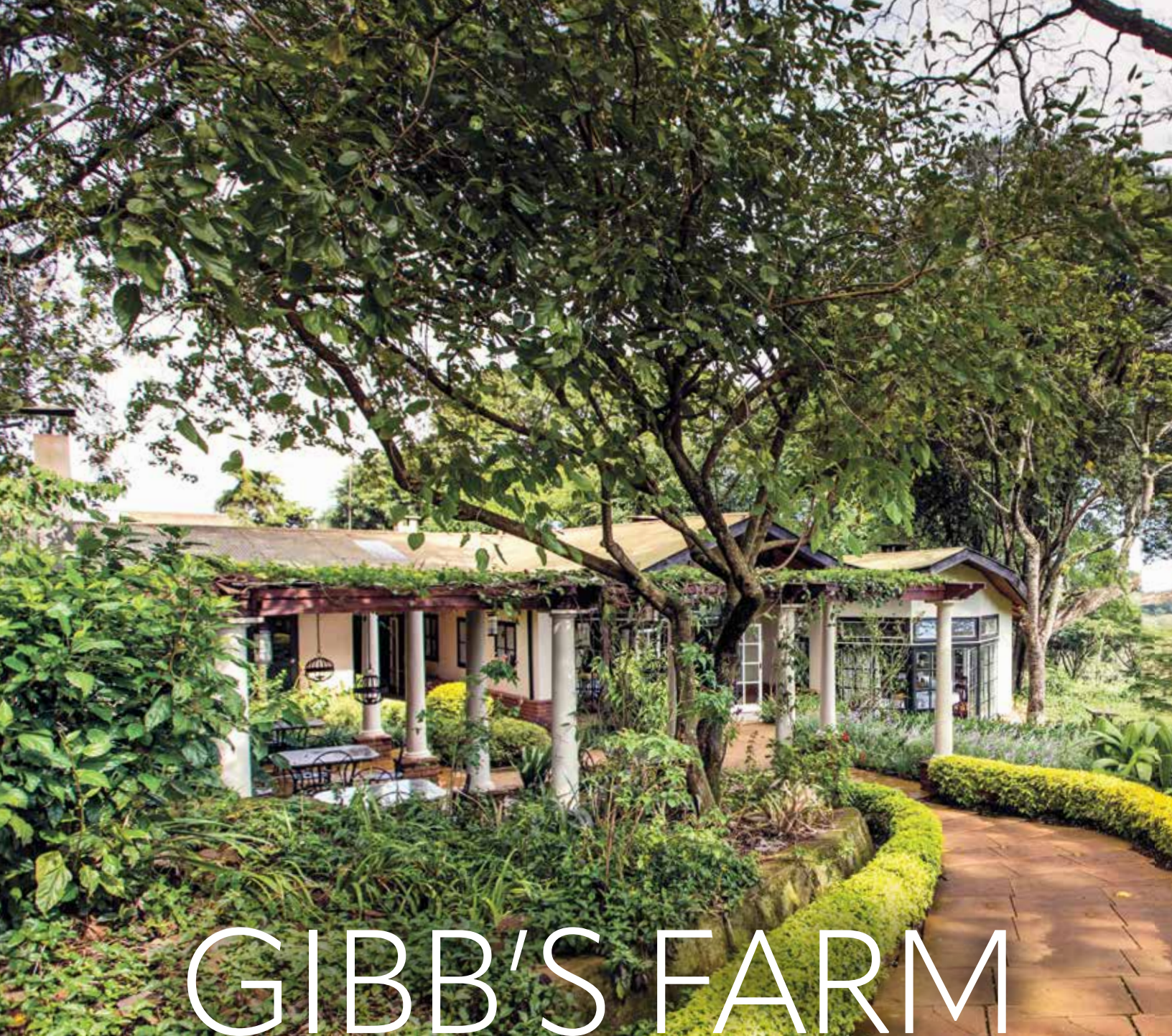
Before co-founding Thomson Safaris, I spent 10 years in the automotive industry. Nothing could have prepared me better for the challenge of finding a vehicle worthy of the Thomson Safaris logo.

My personal favorites have always been four-wheel-drive, off-road vehicles like Land Rovers because their aluminum bodies don't rust, their four-wheel diff locks are superior and they're made of individual body panels, which make them easy to customize.

We make dozens of changes to every vehicle including lengthened frames, specialized seats for comfort, engine snorkels for river crossings, shock absorbers, charging outlets, and pop-up roofs for 360° views and sun protection – to name a few.

“Thomson's vehicle modifications make such a difference from a passenger's point of view—wow! Compared to any other safari vehicles out there, the visibility towards the horizon from any of the seats is unsurpassed.

– Eric Anderson



GIBB'S FARM

NAMED THE #1 SAFARI LODGE IN AFRICA AND ONE OF THE BEST HOTELS IN THE WORLD by Travel + Leisure and Condé Nast respectively, Gibb's Farm is an unrivaled sanctuary for the soul.

The rolling hills, old-growth trees that frame the garden's edge, the lily-filled pond where grosbeak weavers build their nests, the vivid colors of a thousand sweet-smelling flowers—each new experience grabs your every sense.

With exquisite, personalized service, farm-to-fork cuisine, luxurious accommodations and a share of World's Best Awards to its name, Gibb's Farm sets the standard for luxury lodging.

But it's so much more than that. Through Gibb's Farm, Thomson Safaris can showcase the best of Tanzania's charms—its culture, history, art and vibrant natural wonders. That's what makes it truly one-of-a-kind.

GIBB'S FARM IN THE NGORONGORO HIGHLANDS



- Spacious rooms with private verandas
- Farm-to-table organic meals
- Optional Maasai-inspired spa treatments
- Optional walking and biking tours
- **Travel + Leisure Awards**
#1 Safari Lodge in Africa (2x)
Top Hotels in the World list (3x)
World's Best list (7x)
- **Condé Nast Traveler Awards**
Best Hotel in Africa (8x)
50 Best Hotels in World list
- **Trip Advisor**
Certificate of Excellence Winner



SCOTT FANSMAN

THE PERFECT DAY AT GIBB'S STARTS with freshly roasted coffee on your cottage veranda as you listen to a chorus of birds. After a farm-fresh breakfast and a guided nature walk, explore the latest works by one of the artists in residence.

Take an optional bike ride through lush countryside or have a swim in the pool. Enjoy a sumptuous, farm-to-table dinner, and end the day with sundowner cocktails in the garden, a vast canopy of stars overhead.

If blissful relaxation isn't at the top of your agenda, don't worry. Gibb's isn't just an oasis for rejuvenation and quiet. It's also the perfect base from which to visit the Ngorongoro Crater floor or explore nearby Lake Manyara National Park.

“ I enjoyed our stay at Gibb's Farm tremendously – it's like a little piece of heaven on earth! The gardens, the cottages, and the attention to detail from the caring staff made it the most beautiful experience. Can I live there forever? ”

– Andrew James





RESPONSIBLE TOURISM

Travel is one of life's greatest joys. It inspires and teaches us, and it makes us better citizens of the world. That's why in 1997, Judi Wineland and a group of Thomson guests founded our sister non-profit, Focus on Tanzanian Communities (FOTZC), which brings tourism dollars to impoverished areas.

FOTZC has spent more than \$3.4 million drilling wells, building health facilities and classrooms, and helping women start sustainable, profitable businesses in Tanzania.

CLEAN WATER

A clean, accessible water source is at the core of every healthy community. FOTZC boreholes provide water to several thousand people in Tanzania, virtually eradicating waterborne diseases.

HEALTH CARE

For people in the Sukenya area, walking 12 miles to get health care was the only option until FOTZC built a small health dispensary there. Due to its success, it has expanded its services to a health center providing basic medical services, including immunizations and family planning classes.

In 2023, 485 babies were delivered and over 19,000 patients received health care services.

EDUCATION

Children in Tanzania have been at the center of FOTZC's mission since its very foundation, when a visit to a broken-down schoolroom sparked the idea for this non-profit.

FOTZC has built 60 classrooms, provided housing for over 40 teachers and built dorms for hundreds of students, expanding opportunities for over 29,000 children.

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Women in Tanzania wanted opportunities to run businesses and provide for their families independently. That's why FOTZC launched a microfinance program that helps women start small, environmentally friendly businesses.

Since 2015, FOTZC has helped over 400 women start businesses in beekeeping, leather tanning, beading and other sustainable, profitable enterprises.

LEARN MORE AT [FOTZC.ORG](https://www.fotzc.org)





ITINERARIES



thomson's FOUNDERS' SAFARI

THEY'VE BEEN EXPLORING TANZANIA SINCE 1981. IN THE DECADES SINCE, THOMSON FOUNDERS RICK & JUDI HAVE PERFECTED THEIR IDEAL ITINERARY.

Exclusive wildlife areas, authentic cultural experiences and luxurious flourishes abound on this spellbinding adventure.

An exclusive nature refuge will introduce you to the peace and beauty of your surroundings. Internal flights to remote safari areas maximize your time exploring and relaxing. Seasonal camps in the northern and southern Serengeti bring you as close to the Great Migration as possible.

The finishing touch: three nights at Gibb's Farm, an award-winning, luxury lodge. Settle into this sanctuary for the senses and reflect on your lifechanging experience.

How do we know you'll love this safari? Because it's the itinerary Rick and Judi insist on using when they visit Tanzania – a timeless favorite.



Rick and Judi enjoying sundowner cocktails at the Serengeti Nyumba

**DAY 1:
ARRIVE ARUSHA, TANZANIA**
Jambo! Your driver will meet you at the airport

Overnight:
Gran Melia Arusha

**DAYS 2-3:
EASTERN SERENGETI
ECOSYSTEM**
Fly to a private nature refuge exclusive to Thomson guests and meet your guide

Guided hikes provide a profound, and rare, experience with the land and wildlife

Visit a nearby Maasai community and a local school

Search for nocturnal wildlife on a night drive

Overnights:
Eastern Serengeti Nyumba

**DAYS 4-8:
SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK**
Set out to find the Big Five, big cats and more in Africa's most iconic park

Enjoy an optional hot-air balloon ride complete with champagne breakfast

Stay in seasonal camps at sites chosen to maximize sightings of the Great Migration of wildebeest

Overnights:
Serengeti Nyumbas

**DAYS 9-11:
NGORONGORO CRATER &
HIGHLANDS**
Fly south and journey into Ngorongoro Crater – an immense caldera and home to the world's densest population of large mammals

Enjoy three nights at Gibb's Farm, indulging in optional spa services, delicious farm-to-table food and lavish accommodations

Take guided nature walks, farm tours or even a bike ride through this bucolic paradise

Marvel at the work of the local artists-in-residence

Overnights:
Gibb's Farm

**DAY 12:
DEPART TANZANIA**
Wake up to a farm-fresh breakfast

Enjoy souvenir shopping at a local artists' collective and lunch at Arusha Coffee Lodge

Relax in your day room before your flight home

Day Room:
Gran Melia Arusha

12 DAYS IN TANZANIA | STARTING FROM \$13,190

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Call us to make this itinerary private & choose your own dates



thomson's GRAND SAFARI

MAXIMIZE WILDLIFE VIEWING WITH TWO INTERNAL FLIGHTS; THIS IS THOMSON'S MOST COMPREHENSIVE SAFARI EVER

This immersive safari explores all four of northern Tanzania's best wildlife viewing areas and includes a stay at award-winning Gibb's Farm, all in one itinerary. Two internal flights keep things moving, so you can cover more ground.

Scores of giraffes will welcome you to Thomson's exclusive nature refuge in the Eastern Serengeti. Lions, elephants, cheetahs and more will keep you peering beyond every hill as you venture through the central Serengeti, Ngorongoro Crater and Tarangire.

An indulgent respite awaits at Gibb's Farm, a lush, award-winning lodge named the Best Hotel in Africa. Here, the luxury of choice is yours: relax at the spa, sip cocktails on your private veranda, bike to nearby villages or hike this hilly paradise to stunning elephant caves.

We've combined everything our guests love in one all-encompassing itinerary. This is their dream trip. It's your grand adventure.

13 DAYS IN TANZANIA | STARTING FROM **\$13,190**

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DAY 1:

ARRIVE ARUSHA, TANZANIA
Jambo! Your driver will meet you at the airport

Overnight:
The Arusha Hotel

DAYS 2-3: EASTERN SERENGETI ECOSYSTEM

Fly to a private nature refuge exclusive to Thomson guests and meet your guide

Guided walks provide a profound, and rare, experience with the land and wildlife

Visit a nearby Maasai community

Search for nocturnal wildlife on a night drive

Overnight:
Eastern Serengeti Nyumba

DAYS 4-8 SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

Set out to find the Big Five, big cats and more in Africa's most iconic park

Enjoy an optional hot-air balloon ride complete with champagne breakfast

Stay in seasonal camps at sites chosen to maximize sightings of the Great Migration of wildebeest

Overnight:
Serengeti Nyumbas

DAYS 9-10: NGORONGORO CRATER & HIGHLANDS

Take a beautiful, scenic flight over the Serengeti to the Ngorongoro highlands

Journey into Ngorongoro Crater: an immense caldera

and home to Africa's densest population of large mammals

The crater floor hosts all the Big Five species: lion, leopard, elephant, black rhino and African buffalo

Retire to Gibb's Farm, indulging in optional spa services, delicious farm-to-table food and lush accommodations

Take guided nature walks, farm tours or even a bike ride through this bucolic paradise

Overnights:
Gibb's Farm

DAYS 11-12: TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK

Explore the park known as an "elephant haven" due to its immense herds

Marvel at the massive baobabs that often live for over 1,000 years

Spot 500+ bird species in this birder's paradise

Overnights:
Tarangire Nyumba

DAY 13: DEPART TANZANIA

Have breakfast under the baobabs of your camp, and prepare your bags for departure.

Enjoy souvenir shopping at a local artists' collective and lunch at Arusha Coffee Lodge

Relax in your day room before your flight home

Day Room:
The Arusha Hotel



thomson's CLASSIC SAFARI

A RUGGED, ADVENTUROUS ITINERARY
THAT KEEPS THE FOCUS ON THE WILDLIFE
FROM START TO FINISH

If you hear “safari” and think of one thing only—the wildlife—then this trip was made for you. Our Classic Safari has been carefully calibrated to maximize wildlife-viewing opportunities.

Track down big cats and the Great Migration of wildebeests and zebras in the Serengeti, marvel at the massive herds of elephants and hundreds of unique bird species in Tarangire, and fill out your Big Five checklist on the floor of the lush Ngorongoro Crater.

Seasonal camp locations give you the best chance of spotting wildlife no matter when you travel. Your Ngorongoro Nyumba camp, located along the crater rim, lets you access the crater floor as early as possible, before other travelers staying at more distant lodges arrive.

Tanzania’s stunning creatures are why you’ve always dreamed of Africa. Enjoy them in their natural habitats on our most wildlife-focused trip.

**DAY 1:
ARRIVE ARUSHA, TANZANIA**
Karibu! Your guide will be at the airport to welcome you to Tanzania

Overnight:
Rivertrees Country Inn

**DAYS 2-3:
TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK**
Enjoy diverse wildlife populations at this hidden gem for wildlife lovers

Observe massive elephant herds of 100+ animals and hundreds of bird species

Camp under giant, centuries-old baobab trees

Overnights:
Tarangire Nyumba

**DAYS 4-5:
NGORONGORO CRATER**
Stop for an indulgent lunch at Gibb’s Farm

Camping along the crater rim offers the earliest access to the floor

Spend a full day viewing wildlife on the crater floor, home to Africa’s densest mammal populations

Enjoy a traditional Tanzanian dinner prepared by camp chefs

Overnights:
Ngorongoro Nyumba

**DAYS 6-9:
SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK**
Spend multiple days seeking out fascinating wildlife in Africa’s best-known park

Stay in seasonally located camps for best proximity to wildlife

Witness the Great Migration of wildebeests and zebras, a “Wonder of the Natural World”

From big cats to antelopes, warhogs to giraffes, the Serengeti’s biodiversity will astound you

Optional morning hot-air balloon ride for aerial views of the Serengeti

Overnights:
Serengeti Nyumbas

**DAY 10:
DEPART TANZANIA**
A scenic flight to Arusha offers a last glimpse of the Serengeti

Shop or browse at a local artists’ collective

Day Room:
The Arusha Hotel

10 DAYS IN TANZANIA | STARTING FROM \$8,990

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thomson's HIGHLIGHTS SAFARI

THE PERFECT SAFARI FOR THOSE WITH LIMITED TIME OR A TIGHTER BUDGET HOPING TO GET A TASTE OF TANZANIA'S "GREATEST HITS"

For some of us, it can be hard to carve out the time and budget for your dream trip. That's why we've designed the Tanzania Highlights Safari: to give travelers on a tighter schedule or budget the chance to experience a few of Tanzania's can't-miss destinations, experiences and sights.

It offers the beauty of the sun-warmed plains, the majesty of wild creatures in their natural habitat and the relaxation of being truly and completely away from it all.

Cover a lot of ground in a short amount of time to see all the must-see highlights: the Serengeti, Ngorongoro Crater and a private reserve where you can actually walk alongside giraffe, wildebeest, zebra and more.

Stay in camps that bring you into the heart of the wilderness and meet our Maasai friends for a glimpse of real life during this high-impact, full-immersion trip.

8 DAYS IN TANZANIA | STARTING FROM **\$7,190**

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Call us to make this itinerary private & choose your own dates

**DAY 1:
ARRIVE ARUSHA, TANZANIA**
The first highlight of your trip: a warm welcome at the airport from your driver

Overnight:
The Arusha Hotel

**DAYS 2-3:
EASTERN SERENGETI
ECOSYSTEM**
Take a scenic flight to the Eastern Serengeti and meet your guide

Observe gazelles, giraffes, and wildebeests on foot during guided wildlife walks

Shop for handmade souvenirs on a visit to a women's entrepreneurial collective

Encounter Maasai culture firsthand on a visit to a traditional village

A night wildlife drive gives you a chance to spot Tanzania's most elusive species

Overnights:
Eastern Serengeti Nyumba

**DAYS 4-5:
SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK**
Wildlife drives allow you to spot dozens of species from elephants to lions to warthogs

Relax and enjoy wildlife viewing right from your camp

Overnights:
Central Serengeti Nyumba

**DAYS 6-7:
NGORONGORO CRATER**
Visit the floor of the Ngorongoro Crater, a UNESCO world heritage site that holds over 30,000 mammals

The crater is one of the few spots where you can find the Big Five in an afternoon

Camp beneath a canopy of acacia trees along the rim of the verdant crater

A traditional meal allows you to taste authentic Tanzania

Overnights:
Ngorongoro Nyumba

**DAY 8:
DEPART TANZANIA**
Stop for lunch and attractive souvenirs at a local artist's collective in Arusha

Day Room:
The Arusha Hotel



photography SAFARIS

AN ADVENTURE FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS
OF ALL SKILL LEVELS TO PERFECT THEIR
ART WITH A PROFESSIONAL

Venture deep into the Tanzanian wilderness on a world-class photo adventure, where you and your veteran photography leader will capture shots of iconic African wildlife and must-see landscapes.

All levels of photographers are welcome. You'll learn new techniques and perfect your skills with Thomson's rotating staff of professional photography leaders, all of whom have experience leading trips in Tanzania. They provide assistance and expertise whether you're shooting in the field or editing back at camp. And with Thomson guides leading the way, you'll be set up for the perfect shot every time. It's a photo workshop like none other!

Your trip is packaged with upgrades to make the most of your time:

- Receive tips and hands-on guidance from a veteran nature photographer
- A maximum of three guests per Land Rover
- Increased weight allowance for extra camera gear
- Camera tech tents with generators and lighting at each Thomson Nyumba Camp

Please contact us for travel options and seasonal itineraries or to arrange a private departure.

STARTING FROM **\$11,890**

For all prices & departures: thomsonsafaris.com/dates
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PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY LEADER, WESLEY BERNARD

Wesley embraces the process of the documentary story, offering the viewer a visual narrative of cultures and their stories from all over the world. As an Assistant Professor of Photography at SUNY Oneonta, he has been behind the camera and in front of a classroom for 30+ years.



PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY LEADER, DON TOOTHAKER

As the Director of Photo Adventures at Hunt's Photo and Video, Don leads photography walks and workshops around the globe. He is deeply committed to sharing the world's beauty through photography, and uses the mantra "photograph what you feel" to encourage storytelling through imagery.



PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY LEADER, RANDY HANNA

An accomplished and published photographer, Randy uses his engineering background, coupled with an artistic eye and years of teaching, to help both experienced and novice photographers improve their skills. He has led trips to photograph wildlife, culture and landscapes in remote locations throughout Africa and around the globe.

A man in a red patterned shuka and a young girl in a purple jacket walking in a savanna. The man is on the left, looking towards the right. The girl is on the right, looking up at him. They are walking on a grassy plain with a blurred background of trees and a small animal in the distance.

RAFIKI EXPLORERS

Our *Rafiki Explorers* program connects children with the people, wildlife and scenery of Tanzania:

- **Pen pals:** Conditions permitting, match with a child of similar age and then meet during your safari!
- **Tracker training:** Identify footprints, scat and unique plant species around camps
- **Bows and arrows:** See who has the best aim when you learn how to use a bow and arrow with the Ikoma people, but don't worry; we've removed the sharp tips!
- **The language of kangas:** Learn about the ubiquitous kanga, a brightly colored textile used in all facets of daily life, including sending secret messages
- **Say it in Swahili:** Casual, fun, interactive Swahili lessons throughout the trip break the ice and get everyone talking. Karibuni sana!
- **Crafts, sports, games:** Frisbee, cards and Jenga are on hand, and the camp crew is always happy to play an impromptu game of soccer
- **Safari Journal:** Puzzles, games, trivia and wildlife checklists entertain – and become a keepsake of your incredible adventure!



MULTI-GENERATIONAL ADVENTURES BUILT FOR YOUR FAMILY

As a family-founded company, we understand the profound impact that travel has on our closest relationships. Our founders Rick and Judi spent their lives showing their children the Serengeti—and now, you're invited along for the ride.

Our family safaris embody the values that Rick and Judi espoused in their decades of family travels: true quality time, shared moments of excitement and a profound love for Tanzania's people and wildlife.

We've thought of all the details that will make your family's adventure unforgettable:

- Flexible mealtimes and delicious options for picky eaters to suit your family's needs
- Conditions permitting, kids connect with pen pals before departure (creating a personal connection to Tanzania) and meet them in-person during the trip
- A *rafiki* (Swahili for "friend") will serve as a cultural liaison for kids on trips with eight or more travelers
- Games and activities in camp will keep kids engaged and entertained
- All family safari guides have kids of their own and understand family dynamics
- Make your family trip private for increased seclusion and a more intimate connection with the Tanzanian people, places and wildlife

** Certain conditions (political, environmental, cultural, or availability) may necessitate changes to our Rafiki Explorers program.*

“Tanzania is an environmental, cultural and anthropological living classroom. What a joy to see my daughter's face light up and hear her exclamations of awe and delight, not once, but numerous times each day.
Thanks, Thomson!

– Kara Mason



thomson's

PERFECT FAMILY SAFARI

A SAFARI FOR ALL AGES, WITH JUST THE RIGHT BALANCE OF ACTIVITY, CULTURE AND – OF COURSE – WILDLIFE!

Great family vacations build memories you'll cherish for years. They give you the chance to enjoy yourself without worrying about the little things. Best of all, they allow the whole family—kids, parents and grandparents—to share new experiences and connect like never before.

Capture that experience on an itinerary that perfectly blends wildlife viewing in Tanzania's can't-miss locations with opportunities to leave the vehicles and interact authentically with Tanzanian culture.

Kids will love spotting animals, playing games with new friends, visiting pen pals and exploring on guided walks. You'll love the rustic luxury of the tented camps, the indulgence of two nights at Gibb's Farm and fabulous meals planned to suit all ages.

We'll take care of all the details, keeping everyone engaged from morning to night. Sit back, relax and enjoy your time together. Isn't that what a vacation should be?

10 DAYS
IN TANZANIA

STARTING
FROM \$8,990

Child / teen discounts & departures: thomsonsafaris.com/dates
Call us to make this itinerary private & choose your own dates

DAY 1:

ARRIVE ARUSHA, TANZANIA

A guide will meet your family at the airport and escort you to the night's lodge

Overnight:
The Arusha Hotel

DAYS 2-3: EASTERN SERENGETI ECOSYSTEM

A short scenic flight brings you to a private nature refuge in the Eastern Serengeti

Hike the grounds with a guide and wildlife scout, identifying rare species and animal tracks

See giraffes and zebras up close during walks

Experience a little slice of Tanzanian life when kids meet their pen pals at a local school

Learn the legends of the local people from a Maasai storyteller

Search for nocturnal wildlife during a gripping night drive

Overnights:
Eastern Serengeti Nyumba

DAYS 4-7: SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

Show your family elephants, big cats, massive herds and more in this world-famous park

Stay in seasonally-located camps set up to bring you close to the wildlife and Great Migration herds

Overnights:
Serengeti Nyumbas

DAYS 8-9: NGORONGORO CRATER & HIGHLANDS

Explore the crater floor, brimming with wildlife year-round. It may be the best place on Earth to see the Big Five in the wild

End your adventure in one of Africa's best safari lodges, with its lush gardens, spacious rooms and farm-to-table dining

Overnights:
Gibb's Farm

DAY 10: DEPART TANZANIA

Return to Arusha for a farewell lunch before your flight

Day Room:
The Arusha Hotel



PRIVATE SAFARIS

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE ULTIMATE TRAVEL LUXURY: CHOICE

Let us bring your safari dream to life. We'll work with you, listen to your preferences and goals and build something that exceeds your expectations.

Private travel is fine-tuned to your tastes, taking you off-the-beaten-path for a personal and intimate experience. It's just you, your group and your private guide on safari in the open plains and fresh outdoors.

GROUPS OF ANY SIZE

Traveling as a multigenerational family? A group of people with a common interest? Honeymooners, chefs, photographers? We're happy to accommodate groups of any style, whether you are traveling as a party or going solo.

ANY TIME FRAME, ANY ITINERARY

See an itinerary you love, but the dates don't work? We can set up the same trip for just your group, on dates that work for you. Do you want to build a brand-new safari from scratch? We can do that too! We'll work with you, listen to your interests and hand-tailor a safari that suits your needs.

SELECT YOUR LEVEL OF LUXURY

Sleep in style at Thomson's signature Nyumba tented camps, which can be set up for just your group upon request, or one of Tanzania's premier safari lodges (or a combination of both). Whatever your preferences, we'll help you find the perfect fit.

TRAVEL IN PRIVATE VEHICLES WITH PRIVATE GUIDES

Travel in your own personal bubble, with only your people and the same guide, from start to finish. This level of privacy enables you to deepen your connection to Tanzania, forge stronger bonds with your group and create lifelong memories together.



MULTI-GENERATIONAL TRIPS

Enjoy accommodations tailored to your family's needs and activities that appeal to every age group – children, parents and grandparents. Ask about our Rafiki Explorers program



ANNIVERSARIES & HONEYMOONS

Unforgettable sunsets give way to endlessly starry nights in the Serengeti. Ask us to design a trip built for adventure and romance.



SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Birthdays, retirements, graduations, reunions – ask us how we can make that special moment even greater on safari.



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP TRAVEL

SPECIALLY CUSTOMIZED TRAVEL FOR YOUR GROUP'S NEEDS AND INTERESTS

University alumni groups, yoga enthusiasts, birders, photographers and so many others have great reasons for traveling to Tanzania. Whatever your group is interested in, we'll build an itinerary suited to your needs.

Thomson has been chosen as the preferred Tanzania operator by some of the world's most-respected schools, museums and conservation organizations, including:

African Wildlife Foundation

Hunts Photo & Video

MIT Alumni Travel

World Affairs Council of Philadelphia

University of Portland

Chef Jody Adams

Iowa State Traveling Cyclones

The Commonwealth Club of California

Dartmouth Alumni Travel

Zoo New England

St. Olaf College Alumni & Family Travel

And many others!



IOWA STATE ALUMNI PROGRAM wanted to strengthen alumni ties to the school while providing an unforgettable safari experience. They went on a hot-air balloon safari, wildlife drives in the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater, and spent leisure time at the lush paradise of Gibb's Farm.



HUNTS PHOTO & VIDEO wanted to send photography veterans, amateurs and everyone in between on safari to help them take beautiful photographs while honing their skills. Special perks included expert guides, photography leaders, camera tech tents and more.



JODY ADAMS CULINARY SAFARI offered rustic Tanzanian fare as a lens on the country's culture, people and communities. Award-winning chef Jody Adams led the safari, preparing meals, exploring Tanzanian culture and wildlife with guests.



ZANZIBAR

AN EXOTIC ISLAND GETAWAY

Sink your bare feet into sands soft as silk, bask in the crystal-blue waters of the Indian Ocean, stroll the colorful streets of Stone Town or tour the cottage spice industries of the sunny seaside paradise that is Zanzibar. Located just 15 miles off the coast of mainland Tanzania, the island is a fascinating blend of European, Arab, Indian and African cultures.

Average length: 3-4 nights; from \$2,000/person (double occupancy)



RWANDA/UGANDA

TREK FOR WILD MOUNTAIN GORILLAS

Just over 1,000 mountain gorillas remain in the wild. Fit and adventurous travelers can journey into Rwanda's Virunga Mountains or Uganda's Bwindi Impenetrable Forest to seek them out. The gorillas change location daily, so trekking times typically vary between one and four hours. Time with them is restricted to ensure that human presence doesn't disturb their fragile existence.

Average length: 4 nights; from \$6,500/person (double occupancy)

SAFARI
EXTENSIONS



HOT-AIR BALLOON

BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF THE SERENGETI

Skim the tops of acacia trees as you float above the Serengeti's endless plains at dawn. After your 45–60 minute ride, breakfast and a glass of champagne await you. Add this excursion during your stay in the Serengeti, no extra days required. Optional on most safaris.

Call us for current pricing; advance reservations required. Height and weight restrictions apply; flight duration and elevation vary based on weather.

Once you've explored northern Tanzania, here are some other destinations we find fascinating. Extend your trip and make the most of your stay in Tanzania—and beyond—while still receiving Thomson's signature expertise and experience. If you have travel ideas not listed here, call us or send an email. We're happy to explore new possibilities!



BILL KURTZ & KATHY AALFUS

RUAHA

TANZANIA'S LARGEST, MOST REMOTE NATIONAL PARK

Journey off the beaten path to one of Tanzania's least-touristed parks. You'll have a chance to spot rare species like greater kudu, sable antelope and wild dog on guided bush walks and wildlife drives. In the evenings, savor torch-lit dinners on the banks of the Mwavusi Sand River, where elephants dig 'wells' during the dry season to find water.

Average length: 4 nights; from \$5,000/person (double occupancy)



ANDY BIGGS

NYERERE NATIONAL PARK

EXPLORE BY FOOT, BOAT AND VEHICLE

Nyerere National Park, formerly known as the Selous Game Reserve, is one of the largest national parks in Africa. Over three times larger than the Serengeti, Tanzania's rarest species inhabit this truly wild environment. Journey in open-sided vehicles, navigate the great Rufiji River by boat, or relax poolside; there are endless possibilities.

Average length: 4 nights; from \$5,000/person (double occupancy)



PETE RUBIN

MAHALE MOUNTAINS

TRACK CHIMPANZEES IN A HIDDEN PARADISE

Spend your days hiking the forests of the Mahale Mountains in search of the largest group of free-roaming chimps in the world. Ample physical fitness is required for trekking the steep terrain, but these fascinating creatures are well-worth the effort. In the evenings, relax in luxurious, remote accommodations located on the sparkling shores of Lake Tanganyika.

Average length: 4 nights; from \$7,500/person (double occupancy)



CAPE TOWN

VINEYARDS, VIEWS AND FINE DINING

Table Mountain National Park provides the dramatic backdrop to this vibrant, colorful city. Explore South Africa's best vineyards, enjoy fine dining in town, observe penguins at the famous Boulders Beach and visit Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela's – and South Africa's – struggles echo poignantly.

Average length: 5 nights; please call for pricing





PARTNERS IN CONSERVATION

AWF & THOMSON

Guests often return from safari with a strong personal connection to the people, wildlife and landscapes they had the opportunity to experience in Tanzania. They often ask us what they can do to help protect these treasures.

We're proud to introduce our guests to African Wildlife Foundation (AWF), an organization internationally renowned for its community-focused approach to wildlife and habitat conservation. We believe in their mission, which echoes our own approach.

We're honored to support AWF in the invaluable work they do throughout the continent, including their effective anti-poaching work:

STEP 1: STOP THE KILLING

AWF provides grants and support to train rangers and scouts so they can better protect critical wildlife populations

STEP 2: STOP THE TRAFFICKING

Additional resources are devoted to the interception of illegal wildlife products in major ports and to prosecuting wildlife criminals

STEP 3: STOP THE DEMAND

Public awareness campaigns are deployed in markets where demand for poached products is still high, including China, Vietnam and Thailand, and are critical in educating the public about the brutality of the trade

Thomson's mission has always been to promote responsible tourism that benefits communities and preserves Tanzania's stunning wildlife and habitats. It's a goal that dovetails perfectly with AWF's long-term commitments. With a united front—and help from individuals who know firsthand how much is at stake—we can help ensure that Tanzania's treasures are protected for many generations to come.

“One cannot overstate the decades of safari experience and level of professionalism that Thomson Safaris offers those planning their African adventure. Before, during and after –Thomson staff are helpful, enthusiastic and above all – knowledgeable.”

– Craig R. Sholley,
Senior Vice-President, AWF



THOMSON FAMILY ADVENTURES

Create unforgettable travel experiences with Thomson's active, cultural family trips. Small group sizes and expert guides ensure a close-knit adventure for everyone.



THOMSON SAFARIS KILIMANJARO

Trek Mt. Kilimanjaro to the Roof of Africa! Thomson trekkers have a 98% summit success rate, and many guests combine their trek with a safari for a richer Tanzania experience!



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Seven continents. One trusted brand. Explore the world the Thomson way – with local experts, socially responsible practices and engaging, off-the-beaten-path adventures.

TANZANIA TRAVEL



THOMSON SAFARIS

Founded on the belief that tourism should be a force for good, Thomson Safaris is the original in our family of brands. Exceptional experiences, personal care and social responsibility have been our hallmarks for over 40 years.

ThomsonSafaris.com | 800.235.0289



THOMSON SAFARIS – KILIMANJARO

With a 98% summit success rate, we set the standard for Kilimanjaro treks. By pioneering a porter ethics project, leading in eco-friendly protocols, developing the highest safety standards on Kili and insisting on fair employment practices, you can feel good about reaching the roof of Africa with Thomson.

ThomsonTreks.com | 800.235.0289

WORLD-WIDE TRAVEL



THOMSON FAMILY ADVENTURES

For over 20 years Thomson Family Adventures has offered small group journeys exclusively to families, engaging, entertaining and educating travelers of all ages. Travel with charismatic local guides, share an adventure as a family and savor a worry-free experience. Show your family the world!

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RAVE REVIEWS!

TRIP OF A LIFETIME



“Our trip to Tanzania exceeded our expectations beyond all measure. Our memories and experiences are embedded in our soul forever, and this truly was a trip of a lifetime! We have built a lifelong relationship with our guide, Mustafa. He is the most amazing person and we are blessed to know him – he has enriched our lives greatly. Mustafa knew every plant, tree, bird and animal and would tell the most amazing stories rich with intrigue and laughter. It was very hard to leave Africa and we hope to return. Heartfelt thanks to the staff and to all who made it possible.”

Mary Lammers, Wildlife Safari



STAFF MADE US FEEL SAFE, VALUED AND PAMPERED



“Our safaris were life-changing experiences! My husband had done A LOT of research before settling on Thomson Safaris and it turned out to be the best decision; enough so that we used them again 4 years later to return to Tanzania. Thomson made our trip seamless and magical right from our initial contact with their Boston headquarters to reserve our spot. They kept us informed, organized, and excited throughout the months of planning right down to the perfect reception once we landed in Tanzania. Throughout our adventure, the Thomson staff members made us feel safe, valued, pampered, and appreciated as true guests of the Serengeti! We dream of returning soon and will not even consider looking to anyone else but Thomson Safaris!”

Barb McFadden, Signature Safari



WOULDN'T HAVE CHANGED A THING



“We are so happy we selected Thomson as our safari outfitter! They worked with us from the beginning to make sure our family had the itinerary we were looking for which included all the best sites Tanzania had to offer! The safari staff was friendly, experienced and eager to share with us even the smallest details. We stayed at Gibb’s Farm near the Ngorongoro Crater, it was a paradise surrounded by some of the best wildlife and bird species in Africa! Looking back we would not have changed a thing about our itinerary. Asante sana (thank you very much) Thomson Safaris!”

Sandy Adams, Ultimate Safari



THOMSON TOOK CARE OF EVERYTHING



“Our safari was breathtaking and emotional, especially seeing my children’s eyes as they took in the scenery, people and wildlife. There are no words to capture the feelings of our experience! Feeling safe and trusting the company you choose is so very important. It was so nice to relax with our family, sit back and enjoy the amazing adventure. My husband and I had the best time, but seeing our children go through these experiences was even better. Knowing that Thomson took care of everything made us feel special and great! Every detail was taken care of.”

Jennifer Zaltman, Private Family Custom Safari



EXCELLENT SERVICE AND COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY



“Jambo! My husband and I had the most amazing honeymoon with Thomson Safaris. Our guide was incredibly knowledgeable, sociable and patient; he took care of all our requests during our safari, which made for a fantastic experience. The Nyumbas were extremely comfortable, we had hot showers every day and the food was exceptional! We were stuffed at every meal and there was not a single menu item we didn’t thoroughly enjoy eating. We were fortunate enough to see all of the Big Five animals, plus so many more. Our visits to the Maasai women’s market, boma, clinic and school left us with memories of a lifetime. We highly recommend Thomson, not only for their excellent service and accommodations, but also for their continued philanthropy in the Serengeti area.”

Katie Maggi, Honeymoon Safari



I HIGHLY RECOMMEND THOMSON



“Definitely a trip of a lifetime, it met and exceeded our expectations. Our guide Hashim was super knowledgeable, wonderful to talk to and a joy to spend 10 days with. We loved meeting all the great staff at each camp site. They all took the time to really make us feel at ease and at home. The food at the camps...the best unexpected surprise of the trip! We couldn’t be happier that we used Thomson Safaris for our first trip to Africa. I’ve already had friends and family ask what company we used and if we would recommend using them. Everyone is getting a resounding YES from us! Asante!”

Nicole VanDeLeest, Private Tanzania Safari



THOMSON STAFF MADE OUR SAFARI SEAMLESS



“We woke up this morning wondering if it was all a dream! The advice and guidance from the Thomson staff made our safari seamless from planning, booking, packing and paying, to our return home. Thank you so much all your time and effort; it all paid off in so many ways. We were blessed with a guide who was everything a traveler could want. Mustafa was so warm, kind and caring. No question was too silly, no wildlife went unnoticed, he was always there for us. The Nyumba camp crew were also attentive, without being intrusive. In the midst of so many amazing events, one highlight was our stay at Gibb’s Farm. “Wow” doesn’t begin to describe our accommodations, meals and activities. As you can guess, our opinion of Thomson Safaris is 5 stars all the way. Thanks for the memories!”

Sharon McManus, Signature Safari



AN EXCEPTIONAL TEAM TO EXPERIENCE TANZANIA WITH



“Thomson Safaris arranged an amazing trip that was off the charts memorable. The wildlife was stunning and abundant and they took great care in arranging cultural events that are informative and really fascinating. This was my second safari with Thomson and I’m working on arranging a third with them. The entire Thomson team goes above and beyond to put together the perfect itinerary as well as keeping everyone safe during COVID. How many people can say they watched an African sunset while sipping champagne and hanging out with Maasai warriors? Come for the wildlife, but fall in love with the people. Truly an exceptional team to experience Tanzania with!”

Krista Ann, Photography Safari



LAKE VICTORIA

SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

Tanzania's Serengeti National Park is 6,000 square miles, while Kenya's Maasai Mara is only about 600 square miles.

EASTERN SERENGETI NATURE REFUGE

Wildlife populations in the Eastern Serengeti Nature Refuge doubled in only a few short years: ostrich, Thomson's gazelle, eland, zebra, giraffe herds are 150 members strong, and rare species such as aardvark can be found there.

SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

Tanzania has the largest lion populations in the world by far; there are 3,000 lions in the Serengeti alone, while the lion population in the entire country of Kenya is only around 2,500.

NGORONGORO CRATER

See all the Big Five within 102 square miles! You would have to visit three national parks and travel thousands of miles for a chance to see them all in South Africa.

TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK

Tanzania has one of the largest elephant populations in Africa, numbering around 42,000. In Tarangire National Park, a single herd might have 200-300 members!





32% of the land mass in Tanzania is protected, compared to only 14% in the US, which is more than 10 times the size of Tanzania.



MOUNT KILIMANJARO NATIONAL PARK

ARUSHA NATIONAL PARK

ARUSHA

Kilimanjaro International Airport

MOUNT KILIMANJARO

Kilimanjaro is the tallest free-standing mountain on earth. Its summit, at 19,341 feet, is also the highest point on the African continent.

THE FINE PRINT

INCLUDED BEFORE YOU GO

- Expert consultation to select a trip that's right for you
- Carefully-crafted itinerary
- Friendly, timely replies to all your questions
- Access to Thomson trip managers from the time you book your trip until you return home
- Travel-planning checklist with packing lists and instructions
- Thomson's Safari Preparation Guide: a comprehensive digital resource based on our decades of travel experience
- Thomson's Safari Journal: a keepsake with information on Tanzanian wildlife, history, and culture, with space for you to record your own experiences
- Periodic reminders to make sure you are prepared
- Access to our online Safari Store to purchase safari essentials (with proceeds going to FOTZC, see page 16)

INCLUDED DURING YOUR TRIP

- All accommodations per your itinerary
- All meals per your itinerary
- Daily safari briefings
- Superb wildlife viewing
- Services of a senior naturalist guide
- Internal flights
- Park entry, camping, and vehicle fees
- Guided walks, school visits and cultural excursions per your itinerary
- Baggage handling and restaurant tips
- Thomson's Keep Fit Kits at every Nyumba camp (including exercise balls, resistance bands, jump ropes and yoga mats)
- Battery charging stations in Nyumba lounge tents

IN THE VEHICLES

- Guaranteed window seats for everyone
- Customized pop-up roofs for 360° viewing
- No mileage restrictions
- Plenty of legroom
- Battery-charging outlets (with U.S.-style sockets)
- Complimentary drinking water and snacks

FOR FAMILIES TRAVELING WITH CHILDREN

- A *rafiki*, or mentor, on trips with eight or more travelers
- Tanzanian pen pals for kids, when available
- Optional early meal times
- Camp activities like crafts, Frisbee, soccer, footprint identification and traditional Tanzanian games

NOT INCLUDED

- Round-trip international airfare
- Tanzania entry visa
- Travel insurance
- Laundry, bar beverages, phone/internet charges and other personal services
- Tips for Thomson staff and guides
- Vaccinations, inoculations and testing requirements

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